



United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

Preventing and Ending Homelessness in the United States

Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Fact Sheet: Targeted Homelessness Assistance

Building on the progress of *Opening Doors*, President Obama's Fiscal Year 2014 (FY 2014) Budget Proposal includes a significant funding commitment to implement *Opening Doors*. This year's Budget Proposal includes more than **\$5.3 billion** for targeted homeless assistance funding, a **21.1 percent increase** over the previously enacted Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.

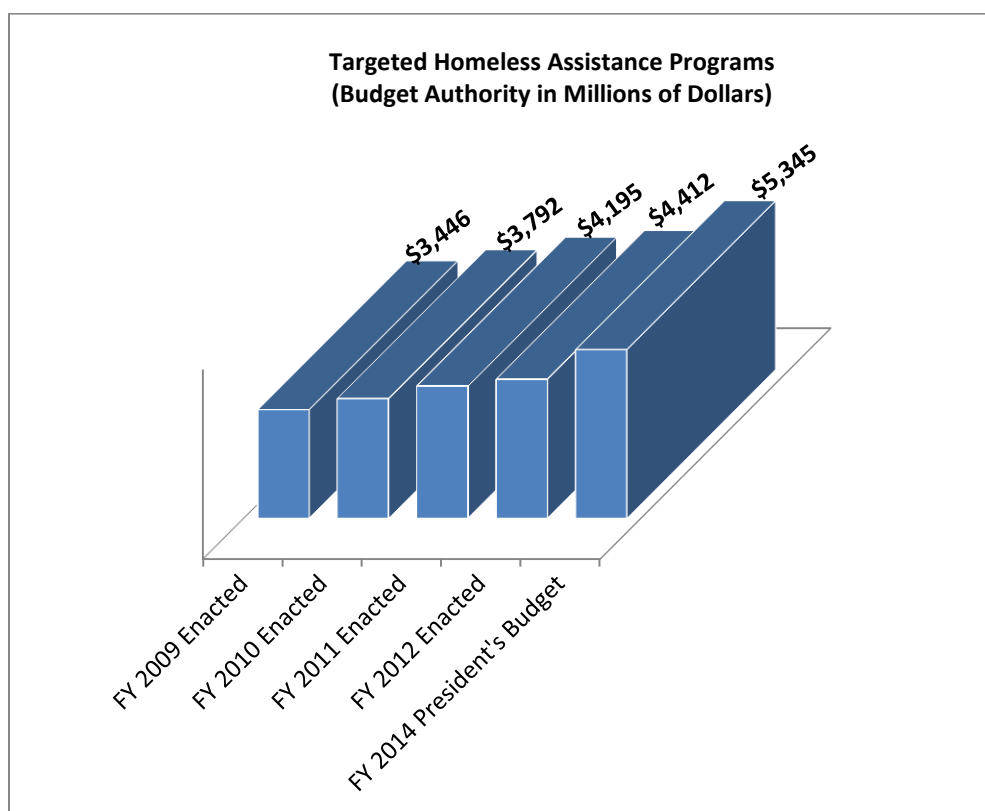
"The President's Budget reflects a strong commitment to interventions that solve homelessness," said USICH Executive Director Barbara Poppe. "Together we have demonstrated that increased investment combined with strong collaboration and improved targeting leads to reductions in homelessness."

The President's FY 2014 Budget Proposal is the third budget developed by USICH member agencies since the release of *Opening Doors* and is a statement of the Administration's commitment to preventing and ending homelessness as a national priority.

HUD's Budget requests \$2.4 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants, \$480 million above the 2012 enacted level and provides 10,000 new vouchers targeted to homeless veterans in addition to the 45,905 veterans already served under HUD-VASH.

The increase in targeted homeless assistance funding between FY 2012 enacted and FY 2014 proposed includes the following:

- **Increased strategic investments to implement the HEARTH Act.** \$480 million increase for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Homeless Assistance Grants.
- **Continued commitment to ending homelessness among Veterans and their families.** \$75 million proposed funding for the HUD-VASH program. \$300 million proposed funding for Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Services for Veteran Families program—built on best practices developed across the country.
- **Expansion of health care.** \$87 million increase for the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Care for the Homeless Program to provide primary health care, substance use treatment, emergency care with referrals to hospitals for in-patient care services and/or other needed services, outreach services to assist difficult-to-reach people experiencing homelessness in accessing care, and assistance in establishing eligibility for entitlement programs and housing.



This fact sheet serves as an overview of the targeted homeless assistance programs across the government.

COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

HUD - Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program

The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program (HUD-VASH) combines Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance for Veterans experiencing homelessness with case management and clinical services provided by VA. VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA Medical Centers and community-based outreach clinics. To date, approximately 48,400 of these vouchers have been awarded to public housing agencies nationwide. HUD is requesting an additional \$75 million (10,000 vouchers) for HUD-VASH in 2014.

In FY 2014, VA will also provide \$278 million in case management funding, a 37.7 percent increase over FY 2012.

TARGETED HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BY DEPARTMENT

Department of Education

Education for Homeless Children and Youth

To ensure that all homeless children and youth experiencing homelessness have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education available to other children, the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program provides assistance to States to (1) establish or designate an Office of Coordinator of Education of Homeless Children and Youths; (2) develop and carry out a State plan for the education of

homeless children; and (3) make sub-grants to local educational agencies to support the education of children experiencing homelessness.

FY 2010 - \$65.4 million

FY 2011 - \$65 million

FY 2012 - \$65 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$65 million

Department of Health and Human Services

Health Care for the Homeless

The purpose of the Health Care for the Homeless Program is to provide primary health care, substance use treatment, emergency care with referrals to hospitals for in-patient care services and/or other needed services, outreach services to assist difficult-to-reach people experiencing homelessness in accessing care, and assistance in establishing eligibility for entitlement programs and housing.

FY 2010 - \$171 million

FY 2011 - \$215 million

FY 2012 - \$231 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$319 million

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness is a formula grant program that provides financial assistance to states to support services for homeless individuals who have serious mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

FY 2010 - \$65 million

FY 2011 - \$65 million

FY 2012 - \$65 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$65 million

Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals

The Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals Program in SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment enables communities to expand and strengthen their treatment services for individuals experiencing homelessness with substance abuse disorders, mental illness, or co-occurring substance abuse disorders and mental illness. HHS can award grants of up to five years duration to community-based public or nonprofit entities to provide addiction and mental health services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

FY 2010 - \$43 million

FY 2011 - \$42 million

FY 2012 - \$42 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$42 million

Services in Supportive Housing Grants

The Services in Supportive Housing Program in SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services was created to help prevent or reduce chronic homelessness by funding services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness while living with severe mental illness or co-occurring mental and substance disorders. The program addresses the need for treatment and support service provision to individuals and families.

FY 2010 - \$32 million

FY 2011 - \$33 million

FY 2012 - \$33 million

FY 2014 (proposed) \$33 million

Runaway and Homeless Youth Act

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program funds over 740 public, community and faith-based organizations through three grant programs that serve the runaway and homeless youth population:

Basic Center Program

The Basic Center Program establishes or strengthens locally controlled, community and faith-based programs that address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. Basic Centers provide youth with temporary emergency shelter, food, clothing and referrals for health care. Other types of assistance provided to youth and their families may include individual, group, and family counseling, recreation programs, and aftercare services for youth once they leave the shelter. Grants can also be used for outreach activities targeting youth who may need assistance.

Transitional Living Program

The Transitional Living Program provides shelter, skills training and support services to homeless youth between the ages of 16 and 22 for a continuous period generally not exceeding 540 days, or in exceptional circumstances 635 days. Youth are provided with stable, safe living accommodations and services that help them develop the skills necessary to move to independence. Living accommodations may be host family homes, group homes or supervised apartments.

Street Outreach Program

The Street Outreach Program provides educational and prevention services to runaway and street youth who have been subject to, or are at risk of, sexual exploitation or abuse. The program works to establish and build relationships between street youth and program outreach staff in order to help youth leave the streets.

FY 2010 - \$115.6 million

FY 2011 - \$115 million

FY 2012 - \$115 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$118 million

Department of Homeland Security

Emergency Food and Shelter Program

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program helps meet the needs of people experiencing hunger or homelessness throughout the United States and its territories by allocating funds for the provision of food, shelter as well as homelessness prevention through the administration of rent, utilities and mortgage assistance. The program is governed by a National Board, chaired by FEMA, and comprised of representatives from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, Jewish Federations of North America, Salvation Army, and United Way Worldwide.

FY 2010 - \$200 million

FY 2011 - \$120 million

FY 2012 - \$120 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$100 million

Department of Housing and Urban Development

In 2014, HUD requests \$2.456 billion to support programs designed to prevent and end homelessness. This represents an increase of \$480 million over the FY 12 enacted amount, which will fund the increased competitive renewal demand in 2014 in addition to the funding necessary to meet the new HEARTH requirements and to continue implementation of *Opening Doors*.

The requested funds can be categorized via the HEARTH Act authorized programs and eligible activities as follows:

Emergency Solutions Grants: \$346 million, of which \$60 million will be set aside specifically for rapid re-housing projects in high-need communities.

The Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) includes funds for a variety of life-saving activities in addition to newer interventions like rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention that have proven to be successful in many communities at preventing and ending homelessness. ESG is an essential component of continuing the program infrastructure that was started via the Recovery Act Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) and has proven an efficient and effective way of quickly transitioning people from homelessness to permanent housing.

Continuum of Care Program: \$2.027 billion

The Continuum of Care Program (CoC) is HUD's largest and broadest targeted program to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. It also provides the infrastructure for the implementation of a comprehensive planning approach, data collection and analysis, and performance measurement. CoCs have the dual role of planning and operating programs, and using data collected through Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) to inform planning decisions and track performance at both the project and systems levels. Eligible activities include CoC planning; acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction for capital projects; leasing; rental assistance; housing operations; HMIS; supportive services; and administration.

FY 2010 - \$1.865 billion

FY 2011 - \$1.901 billion

FY 2012 - \$1.901 billion

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$2.456 billion

Department of Justice

Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for the Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence or Stalking Program

The Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking Program focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to providing transitional housing services that move individuals into permanent housing. These grants support programs that provide assistance to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services. Transitional housing programs may offer individualized services such as counseling, support groups, safety planning, and advocacy services as well as practical services such as licensed child care, employment services, transportation vouchers, telephones, and referrals to other agencies.

FY 2010 - \$18 million

FY 2011 - \$18 million

FY 2012 - \$25 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$22 million

Department of Labor

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program

The Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program provides services to help Veterans experiencing homelessness obtain meaningful employment and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems to address the complex problems facing Veterans experiencing homelessness. It is the only nationwide program exclusively focused on helping Veterans experiencing homelessness reintegrate into the workforce. Funds are awarded through competitive grants. The program also

includes funds specifically for grantees providing specialized services to female Veterans experiencing homelessness and Veterans with families experiencing homelessness. This specialized funding was initiated in FY 2010 in recognition of the special needs of these subgroups.

FY 2010 - \$36.3 million

FY 2011 - \$36 million

FY 2012 - \$38 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$38 million

Department of Veterans Affairs

The proposed VA budget for FY 2014 contains nearly \$1.4 billion for programs that prevent or end homelessness among Veterans. This includes an increase of 36.5 percent, or \$373 million, over the 2012 level, continuing VA's steady progress toward ending Veteran homelessness by 2015.

In the past two years, the number of Veterans experiencing homelessness on a given night has declined 18 percent from 76,329 in 2010 to 62,619 in 2012.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) provides supportive services to very low-income Veteran families in or transitioning to permanent housing. Funds are provided through grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives that will assist very low-income Veterans' families by providing a range of supportive services designed to promote housing stability. Through the SSVF Program, VA aims to rapidly re-house Veterans' families who become homeless thereby improving housing stability for very low-income Veterans' families.

FY 2010 - \$20 million

FY 2011 - \$61 million

FY 2012 - \$100 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$300 million

Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program funds community agencies providing services to Veterans experiencing homelessness. The purpose is to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or supportive services with the goal of helping homeless Veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination.

FY 2010 - \$175.3 million

FY 2011 - \$172 million

FY 2012 - \$224 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$250 million

The Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program

The Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program provides 24-hours-per-day, 7 days-per-week structured and supportive residential rehabilitation and treatment services for economically disadvantaged Veterans and Veterans experiencing homelessness. The program provides rehabilitation and treatment to approximately 6,000 Veterans experiencing homelessness with health problems each year.

FY 2010 - \$119 million

FY 2011 - \$219 million

FY 2012 - \$201 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$219 million

Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program

The core mission of the Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program (HCHV) is primarily to perform outreach, provide by VA social workers and other mental health clinicians, to identify Veterans experiencing homelessness who are eligible for VA services and assist these Veterans in accessing appropriate health care and benefits. The main goal of outreach is to connect Veterans experiencing homelessness with needed services that will end their homelessness. HCHV also provides residential treatment through contracts with community providers and longer-term case management through the HCHV- Supported Housing program.

FY 2010 - \$83 million

FY 2011 - \$140 million

FY 2012 - \$135 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$137 million

The Justice Outreach, Homelessness Prevention: Healthcare for Reentry Veterans (HCRV, prison outreach) and Veteran's Justice Outreach (VJO, law enforcement, jail and court outreach)

Justice Outreach addresses the justice involvement continuum from first contact with law enforcement through release from prison or jail. Veterans Justice Outreach is designed to help justice-involved Veterans avoid the unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration by ensuring that eligible Veterans have timely access to Veterans Health Administration mental health and substance abuse services when clinically indicated, and other VA services and benefits as appropriate. Health Care for Reentry Veterans assists Veterans released from prison to readjust to community life through access to community reintegration, health, and social services provided through VA and community services.

FY 2010 - \$6 million

FY 2011 - \$14 million

FY 2012 - \$22 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$34 million

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

USICH ensures interagency collaboration and local engagement, helping to guide homelessness funds into evidence-based solutions that are measurably reducing homelessness in America. The Council performs this work through support to Federal council members and partners in the field.

President's FY 2014 Budget Proposal includes an increase in funding for USICH to accelerate progress toward the *Opening Doors* Goals by funding staff to continue and accelerate the ambitious collaboration, focus on data and performance measurement, emphasis on evidence-informed practice and policy, coordination among federal agencies, innovation, disciplined place-based work, and above all, an aggressive commitment to getting to the finish line of ending homelessness.

FY 2010 - \$2.5 million

FY 2011 - \$2.7 million

FY 2012 - \$3.3 million

FY 2014 (proposed) - \$3.6 million